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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

In a method for monitoring of a print image, a real image is electro-optically detected and digitized in individual pixels. A reference image is provided that is segmented into a plurality of segments such that respective  
5 pixels in the respective segments exhibit approximately a same color property as the respective segments, a reference value describing said color property being associated with the pixels arranged in the respective segments. Color properties of the pixels of the real image are compared with the corresponding  
10 reference values of the reference image, and given a deviation from a predetermined threshold value, a corresponding pixel is marked as an error in a result image.